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WISDOM

Old man, if I only knew
A quick way to be wise like you!

Young man, this is all I know
To impart before I go:
You must keep your goal in sight
Labor toward it day and night;
Then at last arriving there—
You shall be too old to care.

You would even wiser be
Old man, were you young like me.

ECCE HOMO

Behold the man alive in me,
  Behold the man in you!
If there is God—am I not he,
  Shall I myself undo?

I have been waiting long enough.
  Old silent gods, good-by!
I wait no more. The way is rough—
  But the god who climbs is I.

Witter Bynner